some time as the problem has to be tackled on a politico-economic basis. The question of setting up of target will arise only after the finalisation of the plan.

(c) to (f) Do not arise in view of reply to part (a) of the question.

[English]

Hindustan Latex Limited

2383. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hindustan Latex, Trivandrum (Kerala) is earning profit;

(b) if so, the reasons for the piling of stocks in the public sector undertaking last year; and

(c) the action taken to streamline the functioning of the said undertaking?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Yes, Sir, except for the year 1995-96.

(b) The company has reported that as on 31-3-1996 they had a balance stock of 94.57 Million pieces of condoms against sale of 562.83 Million Pieces of condoms and 2.06 Million Pieces of Copper-T against sale of 1.97 Million Pieces of Copper-T.

(c) The company is in the process of strengthening and expanding direct marketing of branded condoms and oral pills to supplement its sales to the Government for the Family Welfare Programme. In Government purchases HLL has to necessarily compete with a number of other manufacturers and therefore can hope to get orders for supply of only part of the total Government procurement.

[Translation]

Employment to Unemployed Youth

2384. SHRI SOHANBEER SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware about the migration of the educated unemployed youths from the hilly areas of Uttar Pradesh to Delhi, Haryana, Maharashtra and other States for employment;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the efforts being made by the Government to provide employment to them in the hilly areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI RATNAMALA D. SAVANOOR) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The major poverty alleviation programmes which provide employment are in operation throughout the country including hilly areas. Poverty alleviation programmes which provide employment in the rural areas are Integrated Rural Development Programme, Jawahar Rozgar Yojana and Employment Assurance Scheme. In the urban areas, two Poverty Eradication Schemes are in operation, namely, Nehru Rozgar Yojana and Prime Minister's Integrated Urban Poverty Eradication Programme which also seek to provide employment. Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana is being implemented as Central Plan Scheme to provide employment opportunities to educated unemployed youths in both rural and urban areas.

The approach to the Ninth Plan envisages priority to productive employment which will be generated in the growth process itself by concentrating on sectors, sub-sectors and technologies which are labour intensive, in regions characterised by higher rates of unemployment and under-employment.

[English]

Sanitation in Hospitals

2385. SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF FATMI :
SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the lavatories of the staff and the doctors are cleaned regularly and others used by patients are being ignored in the Central Government hospitals;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the government have undertaken surprise visits to check the lavatories for cleanliness and also to check the availability of sanitary facilities in lavatories in the said Central Government hospitals; and

(d) if so, the number of visits conducted and the short-comings found and the action taken against those who are responsible for the lapses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) In Central Government hospitals, lavatories of staff and and doctors as well as the patients are cleaned regularly.

(b) Does not arise.